

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 140

Expressing the sense of the Congress that Haiti should conduct free, fair, transparent, and peaceful elections, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 1999

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. CONYERS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that Haiti should conduct free, fair, transparent, and peaceful elections, and for other purposes.

Whereas René Preval was elected president of Haiti on December 17, 1995 and inaugurated on February 7, 1996;

Whereas a political impasse between President Preval and the Haitian Parliament over the past two years has hampered democratic development and contributed to the Haitian people's political disillusionment;

Whereas Haiti's economic development is stagnant, living conditions are deplorable, and democratic institutions have yet to become fully effective;

Whereas Haiti's political leaders propose free, fair, and transparent elections for local and national legislative bodies; and

Whereas Haiti's new independent Provisional Electoral Council has scheduled those elections for November and December 1999: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) acknowledges that the government of Haiti
4 has made progress toward democratization;

5 (2) urges the government of Haiti to engage in
6 dialog with all elements of Haitian society to further
7 a self-sustainable democracy;

8 (3) encourages the government and all political
9 parties in Haiti to proceed toward conducting free,
10 fair, transparent, and peaceful elections as scheduled,
11 in the presence of domestic and international
12 observers, without pressure or interference;

13 (4) urges the Clinton Administration and the
14 international community to continue to play a positive
15 role in Haiti's economic and political development;
16 ment;

17 (5) commends the United Nations and other
18 countries and international organizations for their
19 support of health, education, nutrition, and environmental
20 programs in Haiti;

1 (6) commends the efforts of the United States
2 Military on the ground in Haiti for providing civil
3 support and medical assistance;

4 (7) encourages the Clinton Administration and
5 the international community to provide substantial
6 assistance for the coming elections;

7 (8) encourages the government of Haiti to
8 adopt adequate security measures in preparation for
9 the proposed elections;

10 (9) urges all elements of Haitian civil society to
11 promote a climate of security; and

12 (10) urges the United States and other mem-
13 bers of the international community to continue sup-
14 port towards a lasting and committed transition to
15 democracy in Haiti.

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